

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

JAMALL A. WITHERSPOON, :  
Petitioner, :  
: :  
v. : Civ. No. 24-2761 :  
: :  
THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE :  
COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA, et al. :  
Respondents. : :  
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**O R D E R**

AND NOW, this 31st day of January, 2025, upon consideration of *pro se* Petitioner Jamall A. Witherspoon's § 2254 Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus (Doc. No. 2), his Motions for a Stay in Abeyance (Doc. Nos. 7, 10), and United States Magistrate Judge Pamela Carlos' Report and Recommendation that a stay be granted (Doc. No. 11), it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

- (1) The Report and Recommendation (Doc. No. 11) is **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.
- (2) The Motions to Stay (Doc. Nos. 7, 10) are **GRANTED**.
- (3) The instant matter is **STAYED** pending the completion of the petitioner's state PCRA proceedings.
- (4) Petitioner **shall NOTIFY** this Court within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of his state PCRA proceedings and **ADVISE** whether he seeks to pursue his federal habeas petition.
- (5) The District Attorney **shall FILE** updates advising this Court of the status of Petitioner's state PCRA proceedings every ninety (90) days from the date of this Order.

**AND IT IS SO ORDERED.**

/s/ *Paul S. Diamond*

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Paul S. Diamond, J.